



SATURDAY EVENING, JAN. 13, 1897.

THE VALLEY of Virginia is not now as it was when Generals Hunter and Sheridan compelled the "crows flying over it to carry their rations." Indeed its condition has improved so much since then, that its trade is now sought after by Baltimore on the north and Richmond on the south. But why that trade should go one hundred miles out of its way, in either direction, losing time and money in the process, when it has a more direct, shorter, speedier and better market here, where the facilities for both land and water transportation are superior to those of the other cities referred to, is difficult to comprehend.

WHEN THE First National Bank of Texarkana failed about two years ago, Colonel T. M. Thornton was appointed by the U. S. Treasury Department its receiver and directed to settle its accounts. The *Morning Call* of Texarkana of the 10th inst. contains a card from the depositors in the broken bank, to the effect that they have not only realized every dollar due them but also a dividend as interest on deferred payments. Colonel Thornton is a son of the late Colonel W. H. Thornton, a prominent resident of this city when the fathers of the present generation of Alexandrians were his fellow-citizens.

THE Grand Army post of Cleveland, Ohio, protests against a history of the war between the States published in Baltimore, in which the true story of President Davis and other prominent ex-Confederates and of the cause in which they were engaged is told. The history referred to should be made a text book in all the schools of the South, so that the pupils thereof may learn that their fathers were not rebels and traitors, as is taught by Northern so-called historians. Let the children of the North believe what they please of the South and her people before and during the war, but those of the South should know the truth.

IT SEEMS as if there can't be a difference between any two Southern men that doesn't suggest to some foolish people, usually in the North, the idea that it will be settled by a duel. Dueling, both on the field and in the courts, is more dangerous in the South than in the North, and it is just as obsolete in the former as in the latter; but many Northern people don't think so. It is observed, however, that no matter what the provocation may be, nobody, in the North or South, ever imagines such a thing as a duel between two Northern men.

FOR the next six months citizens of Virginia will not be allowed the poor privilege of standing competitive examinations under the civil service law, for the assigned reason that Virginia already has more than her fair quota of positions in the government's service. It is stated by those who know that not half of those in federal employment credited to Virginia are or ever were bona fide citizens of the State. But the proscription referred to is only another fair sample of the operation of the civil service law humbug.

As a large quantity of dried apples are prepared in Virginia, and as the slightest trace or even suspicion of zinc on them renders them valueless in Germany, to which country many of them are shipped, and thereby reduces the demand for and price of them at home, those who prepare them should be careful not to dry their fruit on zinc grates or to let it touch any thing made of zinc, but to use cane, straw or wood for drying and packing purposes.

SEVERAL WEEKS ago it was stated in the GAZETTE's Washington correspondence, once that Senator Sherman having once held the position of Secretary of the Treasury, would not hold it again, but might accept the State portfolio. What was anticipated has happened. For the earliest real news always look in the GAZETTE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The House committee on banking and currency gave hearings to-day to R. A. Lancaster, a banker and broker of Richmond, Va.; Gamaliel Bradford, of Boston, and R. B. Ferris, vice president of the Bank of New York, all of whom had suggestions to make concerning the solution of the currency problem. Mr. Lancaster made a brief statement of his views, but did not present any definite plan in the form of a bill to change existing law. Mr. Bradford criticised the Indianapolis convention for taking so effective steps towards the solution of the currency question. He wanted the Secretary of the Treasury to come before Congress and tell what he wanted in the line of currency legislation. He thought this was the only way to make any progress.

A sub-committee of the Senate committee on postoffices and post roads had a hearing this morning on the Loud postal bill, which among other things raises very materially the rate of postage on serial publications. The statement of W. H. (Coin) Harvey, of

Chicago, brought out some humorous reference to the recent campaign and a disquisition on economic questions. As a practical business proposition it would not be denied, he said, that the consumer got the benefit of all reductions in postage. There could be no trusts in thoughts and books. Trusts could control the metropolitan newspapers, for it took enormous capital to publish such a paper; that the pamphleteer could circulate his ideas at the expense of a few hundred dollars. The French novel had been condemned; it was not more trashy than the average Sunday newspaper. Senator Stewart, who will address the committee later, stopped long enough to say that the accounts at the Postoffice Department were kept in such shape that no information could be had there. He would show this to the committee later on, for he believed that much more information was needed before an intelligent bill could be framed.

In view of the broad divergence of views between the President and Congress on the Hawaiian question, it is reported that President Cleveland will leave the appointment of Minister Willis's successor as U. S. Minister to Hawaii to President-elect McKinley.

Soon after the war between the States a commission sent out by President Johnson to investigate matters (and of which Gen. J. S. Fullerton, of the Chickamauga Park commission, is now almost the only survivor) found in every southern hotel they visited, Gen. Robert E. Lee's portrait displayed in the post of honor in the office. The one partial exception was Vicksburg, where the portrait of Lee on the right was flanked by that of U. S. Grant on the left. Yesterday this incident was recalled by a remarkable meeting which occurred in the Speaker's room at the Capitol. Col. Fred D. Grant and Gen. S. D. Lee met there for the purpose of advocating the perpetuation of the Vicksburg battlefields. They appeared before the committee on rules, consisting of Speaker Reed and Messrs. Henderson and Dalzell, and said that a day may be set aside for the consideration of their bill making an appropriation for the preliminary work of surveying and marking the lines of battle. As the bill carries an appropriation Speaker Reed would not make a positive answer, saying that the matter could not be considered alone on its sentimental side.

Mr. Kotzebue, the Russian Minister, denies the story that Russia opposes the arbitration treaty, as that treaty in no way touches Russian interests.

The gunboat *Machias* left Canton for Bangkok, Siam, this morning in obedience to cable orders from Secretary Herbert "to protect American interests." The distance is about 2,000 miles and the *Machias* should reach her destination in about a week. The State Department declines to divulge the character of information which has caused the sudden dispatch of a warship to the scene, but there is no doubt that the attack on United States Consul General Edward B. Kellert by Siamese soldiers is at the bottom of it. To-day it is learned that for some time litigation has been in progress over the estate of an American named Cheek, who held a valuable teak concession from the Siamese Government. This had been highly remunerative during Cheek's life-time but when, after his death, it became desirable to wind up his estate, the Siamese government stepped in and took measures to prevent the sale of a number of elephants he had raised and employed in getting out timber. It is also said that Kellert was the executor for the estate or the agent of the heirs, and his activity in their behalf had probably led to friction with the Siamese authorities who perhaps overstepped the usual legal methods in trying to get rid of him.

In the House to-day Mr. Otey, of Virginia, introduced a bill granting a pension to James Whitten, Company K, 16th New Jersey Volunteers, of \$20 per month.

The alumni committee of the Virginia Military Institute—R. Silvester, president of the Maryland Agricultural College, chairman; Gen. W. H. Payne and Maj. P. J. Otey, of Virginia, and Mr. Wm. Wheatley, of Washington, met at the residence of Mr. Wheatley, 3111 N. street, N. W., yesterday evening and formulated a plan to reach all the alumni of the V. M. I., regarding the memorial to the late General F. H. Smith. General Scott Ship was elected treasurer of the memorial fund.

Mr. Bankhead, of the House committee on public buildings, says a proposition to buy the famous Mahone lot for the site of a new government printing office is among several others for the same purpose, but that he doesn't think any of them will be accepted at this session.

Mr. Polk Miller, of Virginia, lectured here again last night at Armory Hall, to a large and highly amused audience. Ex-Congressman Trigg, of Virginia, was at the Capitol to-day. Talking about the burning of the Salt Works in his State during the war, he said that when the federal army approached Abingdon two old cripples vacated it, and that one of them being called upon to pray to the women and children of the town who had assembled in a church, prayed that the "Yankees might not kill, murder and take away their lives."

The administration is hitting the supporters of the democratic ticket at the late election whenever it gets a chance. Congressman Berry of Kentucky recommended one of them for a vacant postoffice in a town in his district, but the rule in such cases was broken in order that a bolter might have the place.

Congressman Clardy of Kentucky having been spoken of by one of the newspapers of this city as a republican, will write a note to that paper in which he will say that he has done many low things that have not been found out, but has never been low enough to be a republican.

People interested in the proposed Virginia, Fredericksburg and Chesapeake railroad, which is to run through the Northern Neck of Virginia, are here to-day, and seem to think that if times shall be better, that road will be built. Congressman Jones, of Virginia, has appointed the 9th of February as the day and Tappanhook as the place for a competitive examination for a West Point Cadetship from his district. The present cadet from that district, Willard D. Newbill, of Lancaster county, will graduate next July, and stands so high in his class that Mr. Jones is proud of having appointed him. Senator Harris, of Tennessee, has received a telegram stating that his wife is seriously ill at Paris, Tenn., and advising him to come home at once. The Senator himself, who reluctantly owns up to 79 years of age, has been for some time in such condition of failing health as to arouse the affectionate

sympathies of his friends. He has been confined to his rooms for over a week, but left for Tennessee this afternoon, accompanied by his son.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The election of Hugh John Macdonald to the Dominion House of Commons from Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been declared void on account of the hiring of vehicles to take voters to the polls.

A burglar who attempted to rob the parsonage of a Baptist church in New York last night was pursued over back fences by the pastor, some church members and a policeman, and was at last caught by a dog.

The Senate committee on appropriations yesterday completed the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, increasing the appropriation over that made by the House to the extent of \$90,485, making a total of \$21,728,354.

Senator Sherman, who yesterday evening visited Major McKinley at Canton, authorized the announcement that he has accepted the portfolio of State. John D. Long, of Massachusetts, who, in all probability, will be Major McKinley's cabinet also.

Mrs. Wilber, who is suing her husband, Representative D. F. Wilber, for divorce, secured a writ of replevin, in Washington yesterday, by which she obtained her daughter's trunk from the Young Ladies' College. Mr. Wilber is now engaged in an effort to secure not only his daughter, but his daughter's trunk.

The House yesterday passed bills favorably acted upon in committee of the whole before the holiday recess. The widow of the late Major-General John Gibbon was granted a pension of \$100 per month, and the widow of Brevet Major-General W. A. N. H. \$75 per month. Representative Spencer, of Mississippi, introduced a bill providing for the purchase of Cuba by the United States for \$20,000,000.

CAPITAL STOCK FARM.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] BUSH HILL, Jan. 16.—I have been requested by a number of the GAZETTE's readers as well as other friends in Fairfax to write out an account of the "Capital Stock Farm," of Fairfax, and I take great pleasure in so doing. I am indebted to the courtesy and kindness of Mr. W. W. Herrington, the manager, for the information here appended.

Capital Stock Farm is situated six miles from Alexandria and twelve miles from Washington, on the line of the Southern Railway. It is owned by D. B. Herrington, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. When Mr. Herrington purchased the property five years ago it was about as uninviting a prospect for investment as one could imagine, but his belief in his ability to greatly improve it and his great love for the State of Virginia decided for him. But what a vast change has occurred in these past few years. Compare the place of 1891 with the farm to-day and it shows what energy and a little capital can do where the heart is in the right place. To-day we have ninety well tilled acres, two large and commodious barns, creamery, carriage house, five room dwellings and warm and comfortable quarters for the fowls and swine. There are twenty head of thoroughbred Jersey cattle on the place, and they are the pride of the farm, as the one main object is to produce a quantity of butter hard to equal and impossible to surpass. In addition to these there are thirteen horses, the majority of which are from the celebrated standard-bred Favorite Wilkes, 2:24; and Melville, son of Kentucky Prince. The latter is kept on the farm at the head of the stud, and all of his offspring bespeak him a noble animal. Bronze turkeys, Berkshire swine, white Pekin chickens and white Plymouth Rock chickens comprise the remainder of the stock on this great farm. Mr. Herrington's business renders him unable to visit his farm but a few times a year and in this way still further improvements are delayed, but the day is not far distant when he will be with us to stay, and when that day comes a hearty welcome will greet him as his reputation as a "husler" and a man of thorough integrity has preceded him.

In passing I wish to speak of another gentleman who is also well known in Fairfax county and is also a "husler" as much as that word implies in being prompt, persevering and industrious and all that he is in charge of is in excellent condition—as he superintends it all in person. I refer with special pleasure to Mr. J. H. Shterzer, the manager of the Haxfield farm—Mr. W. E. Clark being the late owner—but now in the possession of his widow, Mrs. Fannie E. Clarke, of Washington, D. C.

YADKIN VALLEY RAILROAD CASE.

A dispatch from Wilmington, N. C., says: The hearing and arguments in the foreclosure proceedings of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad case were closed yesterday. The speakers were Charles Steele, of New York, representing the New York committee of bondholders; Judge E. J. D. Cross, of Baltimore, for the Baltimore bondholders; H. B. Turner, of New York, for the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company; Mr. Williams, of Richmond, who represented some of the creditors of the North State Improvement Company; H. M. Robertson, Cyrus B. Watson and George Rountree, all of North Carolina, represented the North State Improvement Company, and argued in its defense. The court adjourned finally at five o'clock, Judge Simonton intimating that he would render a decision during the month of February. The case is certain to go to a higher court on appeal, no matter what the decision may be.

INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.—In the Court of Appeals on Thursday in the case of Garner vs. Commonwealth, writ of error to the County Court of Prince William, the lower court was reversed. The opinion being delivered by Judge Keith, president.

Garner was indicted, tried, found guilty and sentenced to a term of three years in the penitentiary for burning in the night time a mill house. The evidence showed that the mill had been burned by an incendiary; that the next morning the prisoner's tracks were discovered leading from the burnt mill in the direction of the prisoner's house; that there was ill-feeling between owner of the mill and the prisoner; but prisoner's uncontradicted account of his actions on the night of the fire must be accepted as true. There is no evidence whatever to connect the prisoner with the crime charged and a new trial is awarded on account of verdict being contrary to the law and evidence.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. L. Y. Leitch, of Charlottesville, widow of Dr. James A. Leitch, is dead.

The season for killing deer and turkeys in this State expired by law yesterday.

The annual meeting of the State Bar Association will be held at Hot Springs on August 3 next.

The annual meeting of the Monticello Wine Company was held yesterday and a dividend of 3 per cent. declared.

In the Hustings Court of Fredericksburg yesterday the grand jury indicted Benjamin Carey, colored, for attempting to poison the family of Judge W. S. Barton.

Mrs. Octavia H. Taliaferro, widow of the late Dr. Edmund P. Taliaferro, died suddenly at her late residence, "Spring Garden," Orange county, on Thursday, of pneumonia, aged seventy-five years.

W. V. Wilkerson, the assistant postmaster at Lexington, whose shortage was discovered last week, has turned over to Mrs. F. S. Williams, the postmistress, all of his property, making good his shortage, which amounted to \$350.

At their annual meeting Tuesday the stockholders of the National Bank of Manassas re-elected President H. F. Lynn, Vice President R. L. Lynn, Cashier Westwood Hutchinson, Teller A. T. Clapham, Attorney Thos. H. Lion.

At a meeting of the law class of Washington and Lee University, at Lynchburg, last Wednesday, R. O. Cochran, of Georgia, was unanimously elected orator for class day during commencement in June, and Wm. R. Perkins, of Lynchburg, Va., was elected historian for the same occasion.

Mrs. Edward Snead yesterday left her little son, Carl, in a room alone, in Norfolk. Returning soon afterward she beheld the child lying on the floor wrapped in flames. She endeavored with her bare hands to tear away the child's blazing garments, and in doing so was severely burned. Medical aid was of no avail, as the child was burned to a crisp, and it expired in great agony.

In the House of Representatives yesterday Mr. Elliott introduced a bill to pay to General Dabney Maury \$10,000 for his cavalry tactics, which have been adopted by the War Department. Mr. Elliott also secured the passage of the bill to pay to the heirs of W. B. Isaacs & Co., of Richmond, \$13,987.88, the amount belonging to the Bank of Virginia, and seized by federal troops in 1865. The claim has been pending for a number of years. The bill passed the Senate last session, and only requires the President's signature to become a law.

About two weeks ago there arrived in Norfolk a beautiful young girl from Newport News, who gave the name of Gardner, and at once went to St. Vincent's Hospital for treatment. She was a habitual user of morphine. Her cravings for the drug became so great that she left the hospital and wandered around the city, putting up at a different hotel each night, as she seemed to be helplessly supplied with money. Two days ago she disappeared, and, as her mind seemed to have been somewhat impaired by the use of the morphine, it is feared she may have committed suicide.

A MATRIMONIAL ALTAR.

A dispatch from Bristol, Va., to the *Baltimore Sun* says: Rev. A. H. Burroughs, commonly known as "Parson Burroughs," who keeps the Nickels in Bristol, just across the State line in Bristol, Tenn., established a matrimonial altar there seven years ago for the benefit of eloping couples from Virginia. The Virginia laws regulating marriage in the State without the consent of parents or guardian. This provision has resulted in a fruitful business for Parson Burroughs and has given to his house the title of Bristol's matrimonial Mecca. Since he established an altar in connection with his hotel business, whether the guests were many or few, Parson Burroughs has been able to live comfortably. During the seven years that this altar has been in existence, Bristol's unique old minister, who preaches at the Baptist mission every Sunday night, has officiated in the marriage of 615 eloping couples from Virginia and West Virginia, and with this remarkable record he considers that his business is yet in its infancy. Parson Burroughs has made upwards of \$2,000 out of this business. The large number of marriages at which he has officiated include some exceedingly romantic affairs. He has united couples under a great variety of conditions. Many of these couples have been well-to-do, while others have been quite poor. An instance frequently occurs where the bride is only fifteen or sixteen years of age, while the groom is a widower of from forty to fifty years. Again, sometimes it is just the reverse, the groom being a mere youth, who has allowed the cunning of some frisky widow to entrap him. The couple of most frequent occurrence is the one that reaches the Mecca under difficulty. It frequently happens that the escape from under the parental roof has been a thrilling one, and irate fathers have followed their daughters for miles across mountains and over frozen snows, sometimes to capture and bring back, for the most part to learn that they have arrived safely at the Mecca and undergone the fateful change. Scarcely a week passes, but the weather as it may, but what some pair of hardy lovers reach Parson Burroughs' door after a journey over hills and mountains lasts a day and night. Usually such couples come horseback, and have the assistance of some kindly pilot who is anxious that a good romance shall not be spoiled, even if the weather should be too severe for a trip under ordinary circumstances.

In the manner above related, Parson Burroughs, dwelling in peace just across the State line, is doing an active business for which he would be punished under laws that exist much less than a stone's throw from his door, and this business is perpetually going on.

COURT OF APPEALS.

Sherwood and others vs. Atlantic and Danville Railroad Co. Argued and submitted.

Drumright and others vs. Hite. Argued and continued until Monday next. The next cases to be called are Stringfellow vs. Wise, No. 37. Richmond and Memphis Railway Co. vs. Moore's administrator, No. 38.

DIED.

At "Mainside," his residence, in Fairfax county, January 14th, 1897, ALEXANDER CHAPMAN WILLIAMS, aged 59 years. Interment at Preston, Sunday, January 17th, at 3 p. m.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, January 16.

SENATE.

The Senate was not in session to-day.

This was the day set apart, after 1 o'clock, for the delivery of eulogies upon the late ex-Speaker Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia. The opening hour was devoted to the consideration of business under requests for unanimous consent.

An unusually large number of members was on the floor when Mr. Turner offered the customary resolution suspending business for the purpose of listening to eulogies upon the late ex-Speaker Crisp, providing for an adjournment at the close of the proceedings, and for the transmission of copies to the Senate and to the family of the deceased. Mr. Turner was the first speaker.

The other speakers were Messrs. Catclings, Dailz, Richardson, Bartlett, McMillin, Cummings and Herman.

EXCITING SCENE.

Quite a lively scene took place in Richmond yesterday morning between Mayor Taylor and Mr. Henry W. Rountree, a member of the council committee on retrenchment and reform. The incident grew out of the ordinance reducing the salaries of certain city officials. Recently Alderman Evans Snead made the statement that Mayor Taylor had been approached and told that if he would not veto that ordinance his salary would not be touched. Wednesday night this statement was brought to the attention of the full committee on retrenchment. A sub-committee, composed of Mr. Rountree and Mr. Ebell, was appointed to wait upon the mayor and learn from him the name of the author of the offer. These two gentlemen called upon his honor at the city hall at noon yesterday and informed him of the nature of their mission. Mayor Taylor created a sensation by asserting that Mr. Rountree, the member of the committee before him, was the man who had made the statement to him. This Mr. Rountree denied in the most positive and emphatic manner. Hot words passed between the two gentlemen, during which each asserted in the most positive manner that he was right in this matter. It developed that the conversation referred to by the Mayor occurred about three months ago. Mr. Rountree remembered it, but insisted that no reference was made to the Mayor's salary. The latter asserted that he would take forty oaths that he was quoting the conversation correctly. Both of the gentlemen were very much excited. The scene was the liveliest ever witnessed in the city hall.

FAUQUIER NOTES.

Miss Ida McDonald, of Reetortown, is visiting her brothers in Alexandria.

La grippe of a mild but annoying type is quite prevalent in Warrenton and surrounding country.

Six hundred and sixty stock cattle were on sale at Warrenton market Friday morning. Over 100 were sold this week.

A case of so-called scarlet fever has occurred in Marshall lately. Only a few have escaped a spell of la grippe during the sudden changes from mild to extremely cold weather.

Mrs. Emily A. Glascock, widow of the late Thomas Glascock, died at her home near Atoka 11th instant. The burial was in Upperville cemetery.

Miss Pauline Mosby has taken rooms in Richmond with Mrs. Wm. Spilman and will spend the winter there. She has many friends there who were once in her father's battalion, and the families of these will make her visit most pleasant.—*Warrenton Index*.

THE GAZETTE.

THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE has reached its 98th year of continuous publication. In many respects the GAZETTE is a grand newspaper. It contains more Virginia news, always compiled in readable form, than any newspaper in the State. Its editorials are unique—none rarely more than twenty lines long, but all so pungent and characteristic that no one has to look at the print to see what paper he is reading from. No one can fail to appreciate such a paper as the GAZETTE whether he agrees with it or not.—*Page Courier*.

The ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE entered its 98th year on the 1st instant. It is the oldest newspaper in Virginia, the *Lynchburg Virginian*, which was merged with the *News* in 1893, being the next oldest. The GAZETTE deserves to live ninety-eight years longer. It is one of the most readable newspapers in the country, and we particularly like it because it detests humbug in all its phases and does not hesitate to expose and denounce it.—*Lynchburg News*.

GENERAL LEE WANTS TO STAY.

A dispatch from Washington says: Friends of General Fitzhugh Lee, Consul General of the United States at Havana, think he wants to remain in Cuba for a year or two after Major McKinley is inaugurated President, and that President Cleveland will do all he can to induce his successor to permit the Virginian to hold the place.

General Lee is a very poor man. He has a worn out farm in Stafford county, on which he plowed like an ordinary farm hand in 1885, the year he was nominated and elected Governor of his State. His book on the war brought him some money, but that was exhausted long since, and he has a large and expensive family.

No LEE-MONEY DUEL.—"Let me say," said Representatives Money of Mississippi yesterday, "that there is not a word of truth in the story that I have the slightest misunderstanding with Consul General Lee growing out of my letters on the Cuban question. Gen. Lee and I are the best of friends, and there is not the least particle of a chance of our disagreeing. I was as much amused over the newspaper publication that there was to be a duel between us as the general will be when he sees it."

DEATH OF COL. MOSBY'S MOTHER.

Mrs. Virginia B. Mosby died Thursday night at the home of her son, Mr. W. H. Mosby, at Bedford City, aged 83 years. Her death was due to infirmities of old age. She was the mother of Col. John S. Mosby, W. H. Mosby, of Bedford City, and Mrs. C. H. Russell and Miss Blakeley Mosby, of Washington. Colonel Mosby was in Bedford City at the time of his mother's death.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Adrift on an Ice Floe.

MARIETTE, Wis., Jan. 16.—At least thirteen persons have undoubtedly perished as the result of the breaking up of the ice in Green Bay yesterday afternoon. The men were Swedish and Norwegian fishermen, and were at work on the ice placing their nets. Without the least warning a gale sprung up and the ice began to drift swiftly out in the bay. Some of the men escaped, but those who are missing were so far out that they could not get to a place of safety. The ice was only about three inches thick, and as it began to move it broke into small blocks. For a time the men could be seen jumping from one cake to another. An attempt was made to row to the men, but the slush was so thick and the sea began to roll so that it was impossible for the boats to be of any use, and after a short struggle they put back. The families of the men have given up all hope of their rescue, for even should the ice hold together the weather is so cold that they would perish from exposure.

MEMONIXE, Mich., Jan. 16.—All of the fishermen who were carried out into the lake on an ice floe yesterday afternoon but 3 reached Green Island about two o'clock this morning. The three missing men when last seen were skating with hand sleds towards Chambers Island, and it is thought the ice carried them therein safely. A rescuing party is now out looking for them.

A later dispatch states that all the men are safe. The fishermen place their loss at three hundred nets, some of which may be recovered.

Brutal Murder.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Frank Farrell, 27 years of age, was arrested last night charged with the murder of little Marie Cunningham, 13 years old, who lived with her mother in a tenement house in this city. The girl was strangled to death on last Decoration Day. The murder was a most brutal and mysterious crime. The girl, who was well developed for her age, lived with her widowed mother. On May 30th last Mrs. Cunningham went to work as usual, but returned home early in the afternoon. Upon entering her apartments she was horrified to find her daughter dead on the floor. A towel was tightly wound about the girl's neck and showed she had been strangled. Her clothing was all in disorder, showing that an assault had been attempted.

Perished in the Flames.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 16.—Buckner's Orphan's Home, located in the suburbs of this city, was destroyed by fire shortly after midnight this morning. Five orphans perished in the flames and several were seriously burned. Mrs. Britton, the matron, had been in bed a short time when she smelled smoke and immediately raised the alarm. After seeing that most of the children had been removed from the building and that others would be out in a few moments, she ran to her room and endeavored to rescue her three children. She was too late, however. The fire had already entered her room, and she was compelled to retreat with the shrieking cries of the children ringing in her ears.

The Seaboard Fight Renewed.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 16.—The fight for the control of the Seaboard Air Line has been renewed and the case promises to occupy the attention of the courts for some time. Thos. F. Ryan, of New York, questions the validity of the Hoffman pool and hopes to dissolve it. Should he be successful Ryan and his associates would soon come into possession of sufficient stock of the Seaboard and Roanoke Company to control the Seaboard Air Line system.

Terrific Explosion.

POMONA, Cal., Jan. 16.—At 4 o'clock Thursday morning fire was discovered in Eglehardt's drug store at Glendora, near this place. The flames spread to the cellar, where a quantity of dynamite and gunpowder was stored and there was a terrific explosion. The whole of the block in which the store was located was blown to atoms. People miles away felt the shock and thought an earthquake had visited the place.

Bishop Keane.

ROME, Jan. 16.—Bishop John J. Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic University of America, in Washington, who was recently appointed by the pope to the office of bishop assistant at the pontifical throne, has also been named consultant to the congregations of the propaganda and studies. It is observed in the Vatican circle that Bishop Keane enjoys the special favor of the pope.

A Valuable Invention.

SLEEPY EYE, Mich., Jan. 16.—The sale of the Bramble rotary engine to the Allen syndicate of London, England, has been consummated and the Sleepy Eye inventor has letters of credit on the Bank of England for \$67,000. The amounts paid were for the English patent, \$1,000,000; for France and Germany, \$2,000,000; for the United States, \$3,100,000.

Receiver Appointed.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Judge Taft last evening appointed Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, and R. Bickensdorfer, of Toledo, as receivers of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad. It is not thought that the receivership is asked on account of any serious financial distress. The amount involved is about \$19,000,000.

Foreign News.

MADRID, Jan. 16.—The cabinet council just held here agreed to recognize the newly-formed federation of the Central American States of Nicaragua, Salvador and Guatemala, known as the Greater Republic of Central America.

COLOGNE, Germany, Jan. 16.—Wm. D. Walter, U. S. Consul at this place, is dead.

Joel T. Hadley, author and historian, died at Newburgh, N. Y., to-day, aged 84 years.

LEWIS COUNTY, N. Y.—FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 6th day of December A.D. 1896. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The cases against Carlos Roloff, secretary of war of the Cuban junta provisional government and Dr. Jose Luis accused of aiding and abetting a Cuban filibustering expedition, which left this country on June 28, 1896, on the steamer Woodall, were continued in New York to day till next Saturday.